

OFFICIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Menomonie, Dunn County, Wisconsin, was held in open session on February 20, 2017, and called to order by Mayor Knaack at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. The following members were present: Luther, Traxler, Sutherland, Ischer, Schwebs, Solberg, Cruz, Erdman and Mercil. Cook arrived at 7:15 pm. Kirckof was absent.

MOTION made by Cruz, seconded by Luther, and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 6, 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –Cassandra Trunkel let the council know she was there for the licenses if they had any questions for her. Sandy White attended the meeting to speak on dogs in the park. She stated that she is a dog owner and loves dogs but sees a conflict with combining dogs and parks and therefore is against allowing dogs in city parks. Her concerns included putting the public at risk, sanitation, and possible incidents occurring between other dogs or children. Tony Liedl attended the meeting to speak in favor of allowing dogs in the parks. He stated that the Menomonie Chamber of Commerce took a poll with 167 people responding with 140 in favor of allowing dogs in the parks. He said that during Freedom Fest they are forced to turn families away because they brought their dogs. Rita Miller spoke in favor of dogs in the park and stated that she found Menomonie to be the least friendly dog community she has been to. Sam Kilgard spoke in favor of allowing dogs in the park.

MOTION made by Schwebs, seconded by Erdman, and carried to direct city staff to investigate an ordinance change allowing dogs in city parks.

MOTION made by Solberg, seconded by Cruz, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote to award contracts to Vinco, Inc, for \$26,845 and KLM Engineering for \$11,600 for the temporary antenna services in support of the south water tower painting contract.

MOTION made by Mercil, seconded by Cook, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote to award the Water Utility SCADA and Well #6 generator contract to NEO Electrical Solutions for \$444,900 contingent upon receipt of proof of bonding and insurance.

MOTION made by Schwebs, seconded by Solberg, and carried to approve the 2017 Arbor Day proclamation, and the International Migratory Bird Day resolutions.

BUDGET TRANSFER – MOTION made by Erdman, seconded by Luther, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote to approve the following Sewer Utility budget transfer: \$2,000.00 from Power & Fuel – Maint Plant - Power for Operating Main Plant to Power & Fuel – Collection System - Natural Gas to support back-up generators at two lift stations.

MAYOR’S REPORT – The Mayor discussed how the Farmer’s Market Pavilion construction is progressing. He also stated that the Polar Plunge recently held at Wakanda Park was a success. He stated he was a judge at the 2017 Ms. Wheelchair Wisconsin pageant held here in Menomonie and a new Ms. Wheelchair Wisconsin was crowned. He also reminded everyone to vote at the election on February 21, 2017.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – Prange let the Council know that Bridge to Hope had a Board of Zoning hearing in March to operate their facility at 320 21st St N.

CLAIMS - MOTION made by Solberg, seconded by Luther, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote to approve payment of the following claims:

February 20, 2017 Claims

2016 Claims

Cardmember Services	\$	303.00
Total	\$	303.00

2017 Claims

Batteries Plus	113.85
Cardmember Services	9,173.23
Werner Electric	11,857.80
Xcel	63,034.65
Total	\$ 84,179.53

Parking Utility Claims

2016 City Treasurer	\$ 4,059.19
2017 City Treasurer	585.31
Total	\$ 4,644.50

LICENSES – MOTION made by Cruz, seconded by Solberg, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote to award Tanglewood Greens, LLC (2200 Crestwood Drive) a Class “B” beer and “Class B” liquor license.

MOTION made by Solberg, seconded by Erdman, and carried to approve the license list as presented with the exception of Cassandra Trunkel’s operator’s license.

ELECTION OFFICIALS:

John See; Bill Wiese; Roger Dagitz; Mary Kallio; Andrea Renada;

SECONDHAND ARTICLE/JEWELRY DEALER:

Sandra Gilbert (The Store of Refuge Farms- 1508 9TH ST)

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CHANGE OF AGENT:

Super America # 4483-1903 Stout Rd (Agent- Equality Wilson 1002 ½ 10th St E)

OPERATORS:

Caitlyn R. Ballweg; Stephanie M. DeLong; Ann L. Kohanek; Brad A. Weisenbeck;

MOTION made by Cruz, seconded by Solberg, and carried to waive the rules and allow Cassandra Trunkel to address the Council. No action was taken on the Trunkel license application.

MOTION to convene in closed session under Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) & (e) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchase/sale of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, was made by Erdman, seconded by Solberg, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

MOTION to return to open session was made by Ischer, seconded by Sutherland, and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

NO ACTION was taken.

MOTION made by Cruz, seconded by Luther, and carried to adjourn.

Cally Lauersdorf
City Clerk